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FBI takes interest in sex harassment case

Deal, retaliation claims draw attention of agency

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The FBI said Monday it is looking into the secret settlement of a sexual harassment claim in the Kentucky legislature

to determine whether any federal laws were broken.

David Habich, a spokesman for the FBI in Louisville, said in an email that the agency had received information from legislative employees about not only sexual harassment, but also claims of retaliation.

The FBI action comes less than a week after Courier Journal broke news that House Speaker Jeff Hoover had se-

cretly settled a sexual harassment claim made by a woman on his legislative staff. The story was based on sources who spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear of reprisal.

Hoover resigned as speaker Sunday in the wake of the scandal, and a law firm representing the woman confirmed shortly afterward that there had been a

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"We are beyond disappointed that we were kept in the dark."

House Republican leaders
Statement on Saturday said they would be launching an independent investigation

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Teachers push new plan



Tom Shelton, executive director of the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents, said a new pension reform proposal will allow the state to avoid significant risks and give schools a chance to continue recruiting high-quality teachers. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL CLEVINGER/COURIER JOURNAL

Official: Proposal will help Ky. strengthen pension program

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VERSAILLES, Ky. — Educators unveiled an alternative pension reform plan Monday that leaves most retirement benefits in place for current and retired teachers and allows incoming teachers to retire with roughly the same payments as current retirees.

Advocates of the so-called "shared responsibility plan" acknowledged that the plan doesn't do any more to address the funding problems for the state's public school teachers and support staff than a draft bill released last



Rep. Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, said on Monday that educators' alternative pension reform proposal "is a good first step."

month by Gov. Matt Bevin's office.

But they said that it assumes that lawmakers would also come up with new money by modernizing Kentucky's tax system to generate money to help plug the multibillion-dollar gap in the state's eight retirement systems.

Tom Shelton, executive director of the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents, said during a news conference at Woodford County High School that the plan allows the state to avoid significant risks and give schools a chance to continue recruiting high-quality teachers.

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Humana to lay off 1,300 employees

Will get 2 weeks of pay for each year of service

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Humana is laying off 1,300 employees, about 3 percent of its workforce, the Louisville-based insurance giant told workers in an email Monday.

The positions will be eliminated shortly after the start of the new year. Another 1,150 people took voluntary buyouts and will be leaving next year, the email said.

The email said affected employees are being informed this week that their current positions will be eliminated but added they may apply for another job at Humana. As of Monday, there were more than 1,450 open positions.

Employees who are being laid off will be offered career counseling for the remainder of their time at Humana and two weeks of pay for every year of service at the company.

In the email, the insurance company said it had been taking a series of measures during the year "to position the company for long-term sustainable success," including the buyouts, which were offered in September.

Spokeswoman Kate Marx did not immediately respond to a question about what prompted the layoffs, but Courier Journal reported that the company was jettisoning workers after deciding it was withdrawing from coverage under the federal Affordable Care Act.

Courier Journal reported in March that Humana would be eliminating an unspecified number of positions in Louisville and at sites in other states under a realignment and that those affected included top managers as well as entry-level employees.

The disclosures came after Humana's acquisition by Aetna was called off.

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Officials: Slayings at Texas church might have stemmed from a "domestic situation." **1B**

U of L dismisses lacrosse coach

Columnist Tim Sullivan writes that Kellie Young's firing is a sign of changing times at Louisville. **1C**

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